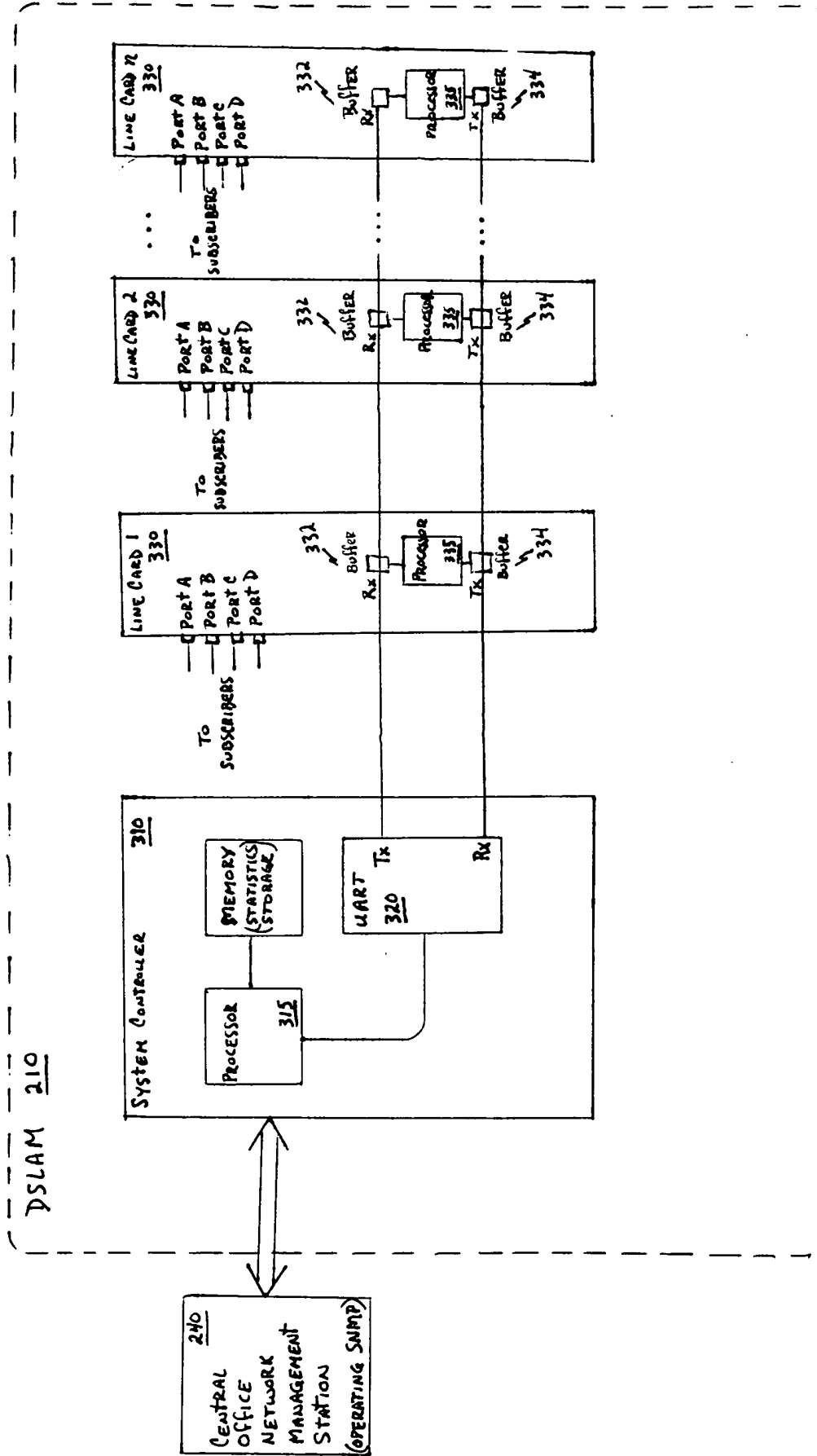


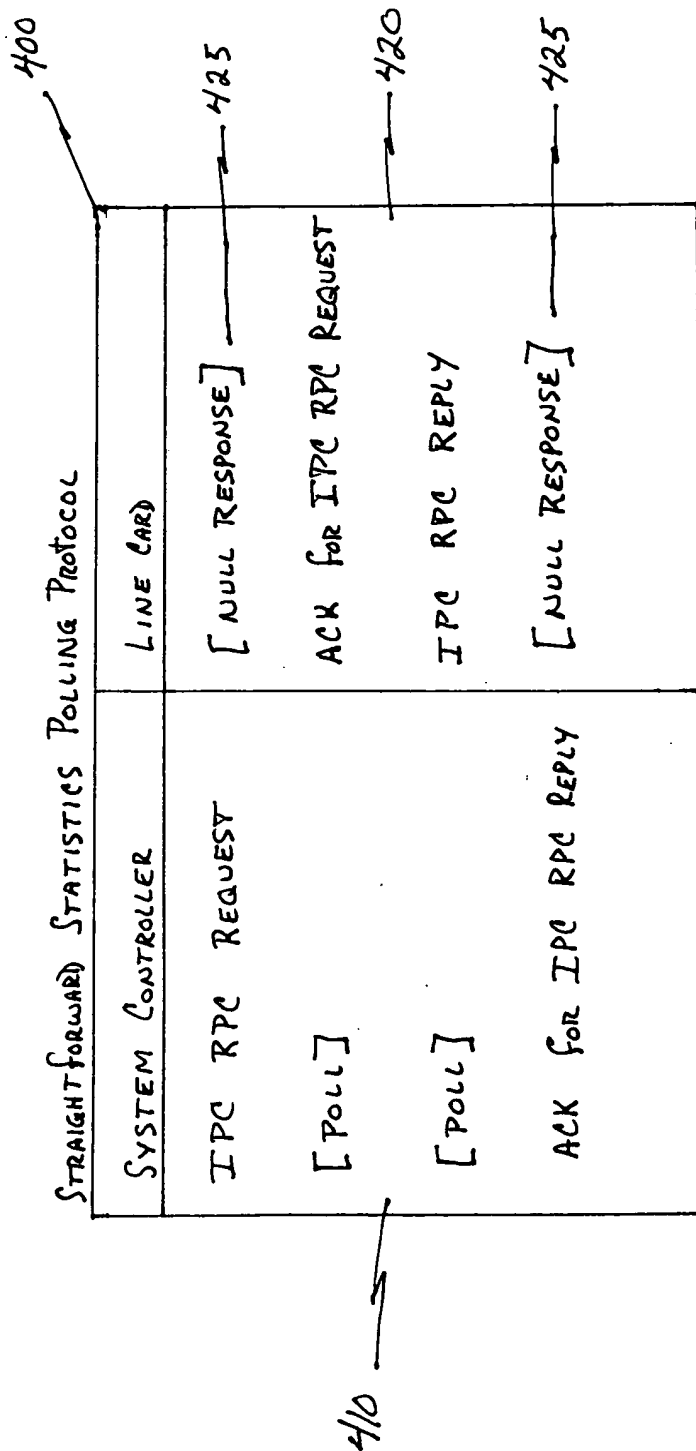
(PRIOR ART)

FIG. 2



(PRIOR ART)

FIG. 3



(PRIOR ART)

FIG. 4

SYSTEM CONTROLLER

LINE
CARD
? (slot 4)

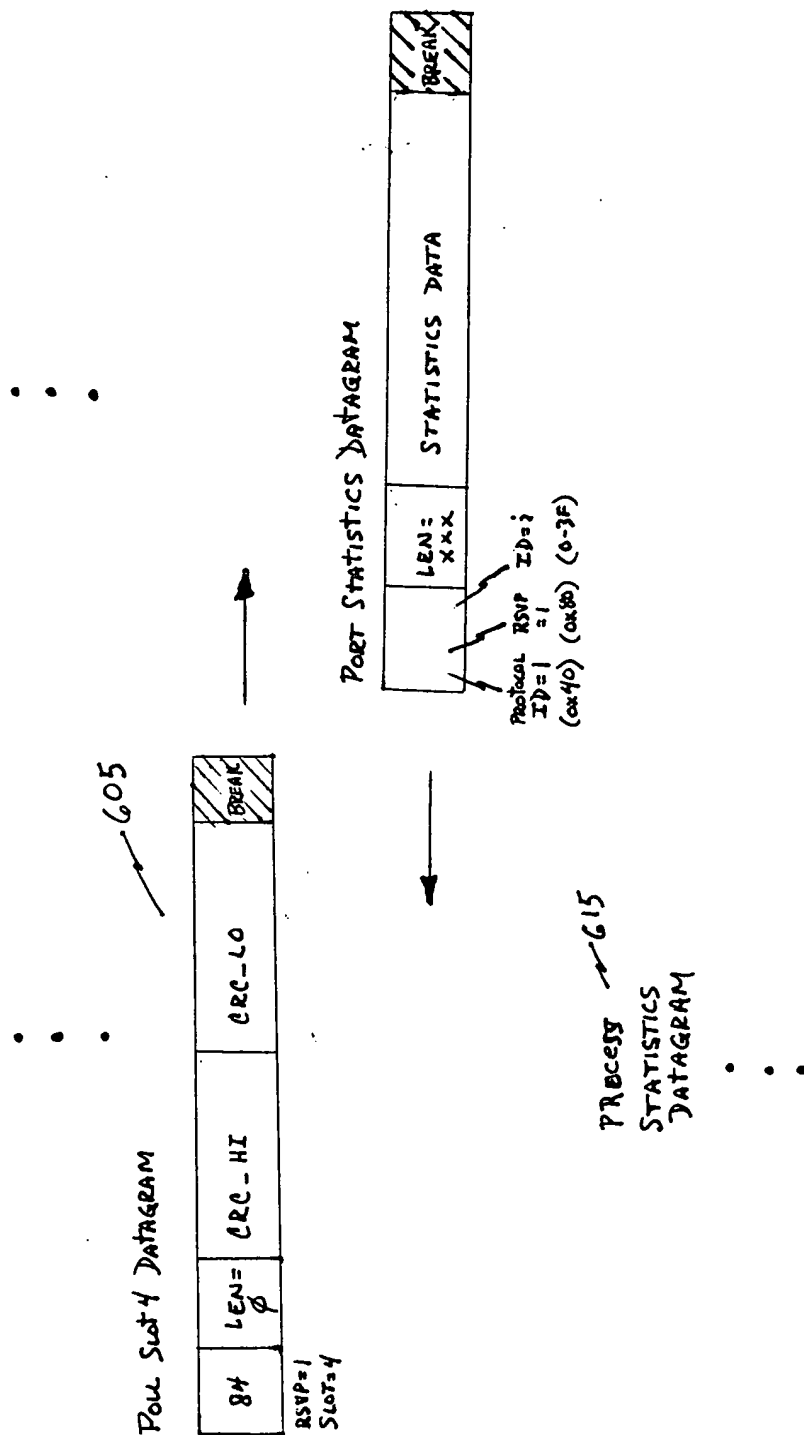


Fig. 6

SMB OBJECT QUEUE (DYNAMIC)

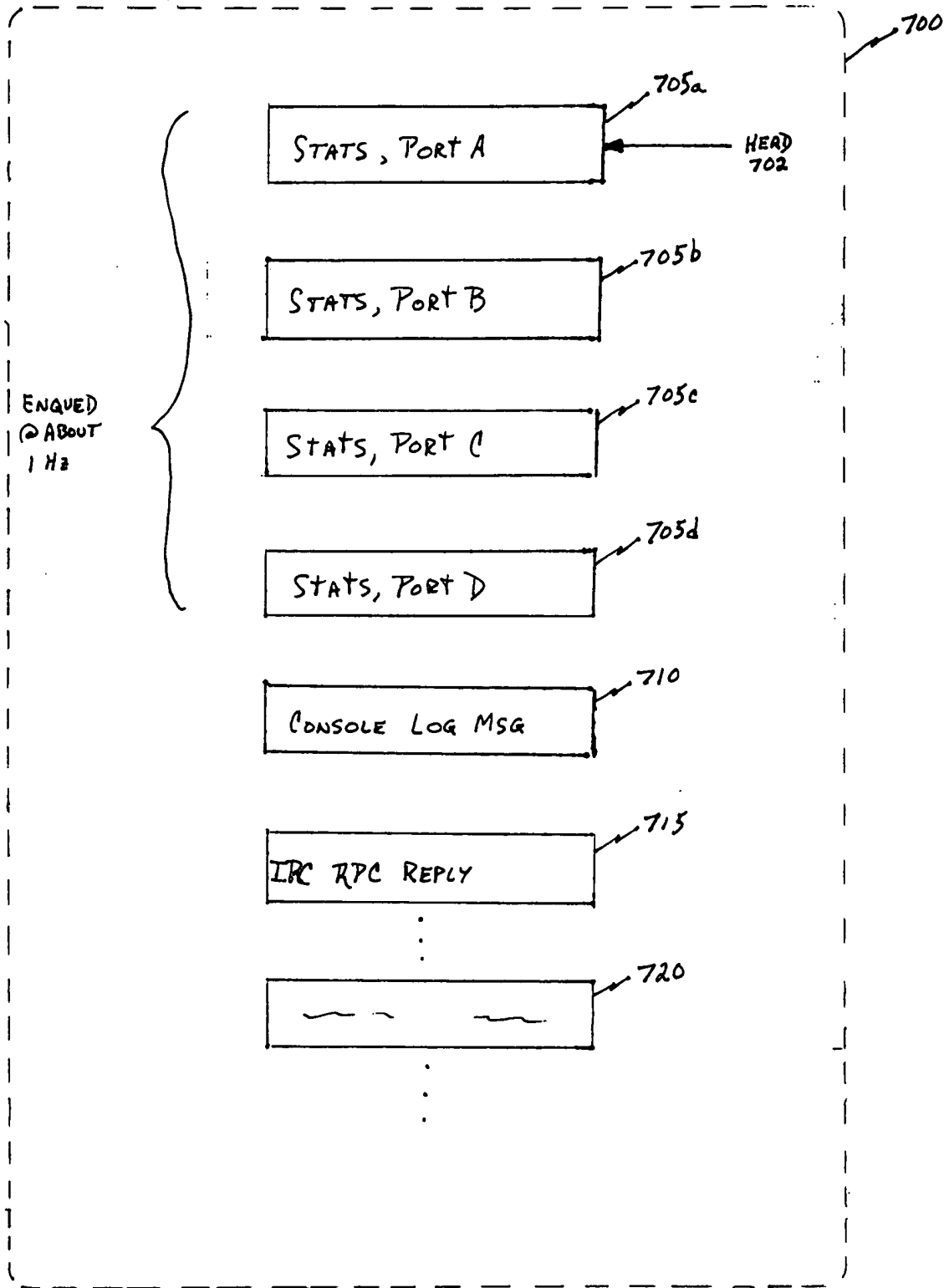


FIG. 7

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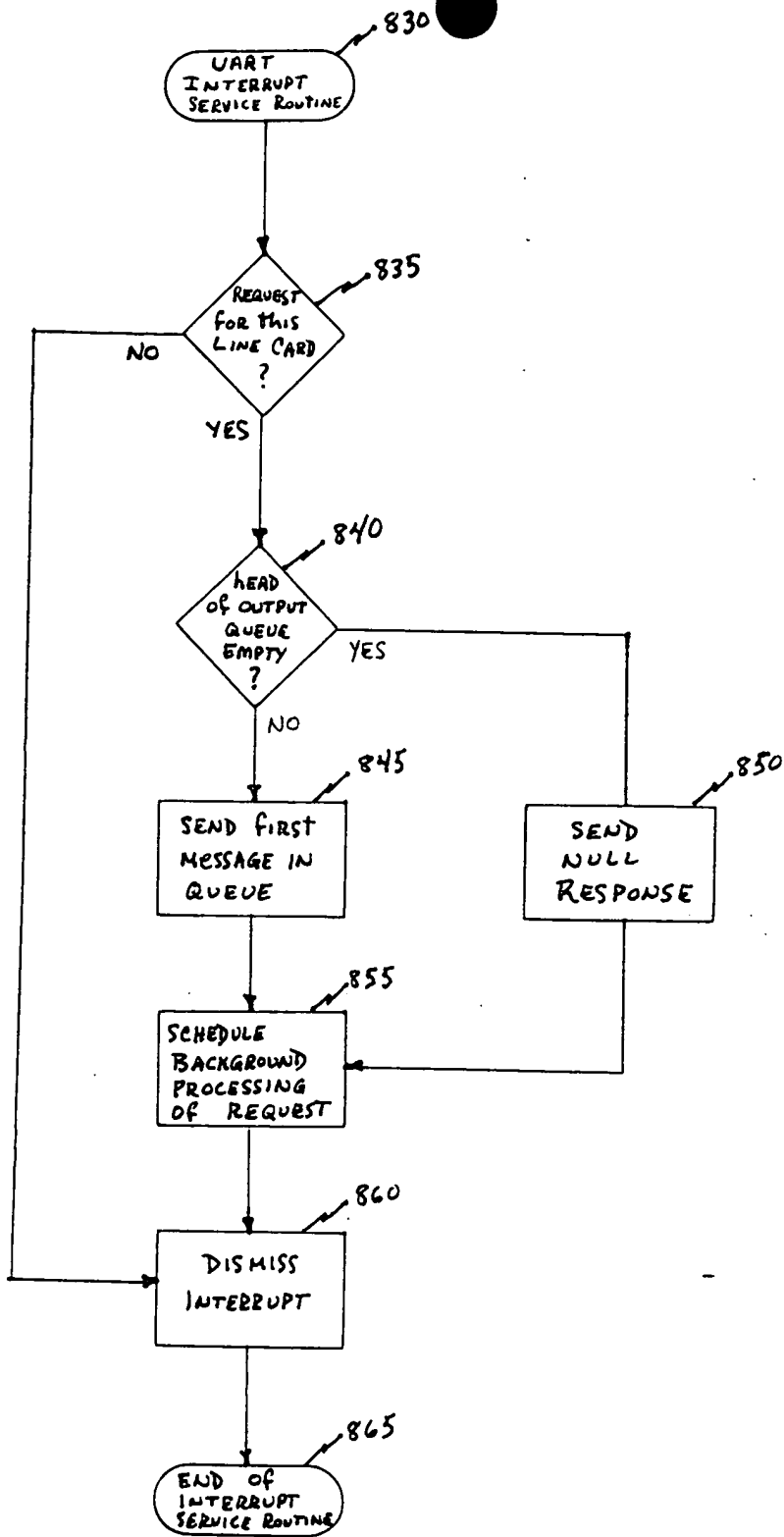


FIG. 8B

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graph TD
    905{FOR EACH LINECARD} --> 910{LINE CARD AWAKE ?}
    910 -- NO --> 915[REPORT OR RETRY]
    910 -- YES --> 920{STATISTICS DATA RECEIVED ?}
    915 -- FAILURE --> 905
    915 -- RETRY SUCCESSFUL --> 920
    920 -- YES --> 925[STORE STATISTICS DATA TO PORT STATISTICS DATABASE]
    925 --> 905
    920 -- NO --> 905

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FIG. 9A

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graph TD
    930([START STATISTICS  
REQUEST INTERRUPT]) --> 935{STATISTICS  
DATA  
UP-TO-DATE  
?}
    935 -- YES --> 945[PROVIDE STATISTICS  
DATA TO NETWORK  
MANAGEMENT  
STATION]
    935 -- NO --> 940[ACCESS  
LINE CARDS  
FOR STATISTICS  
DATA]
    940 --> 945
    945 --> 950([DONE])
    940 -.-> Note["(PRIOR ART  
ALWAYS  
DOES  
THIS  
STEP)"]
  
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FIG. 9B